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The references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were either listed in an International Search Report in the corresponding International Application or cited in the German Examination Report from the original German priority application, copies enclosed. References AD, AG, and AJ were additionally cited in the specification of the application, and the pertinence of these references is noted therein.

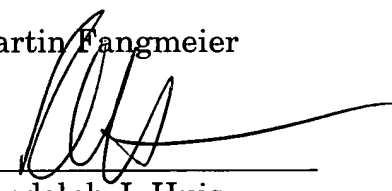
References AD, AG, AI, and AJ are submitted in the German language; and AH is submitted in the French language. The relevancy of these references is set forth in the enclosed International Search Report.

Reference AK was cited in the German Examination Report. The pertinence of reference AK is provided by the Abstract. Additionally, it is noted in the German Examination Report that all the features of claim 1 were shown by EP 0 284 805 (Reference 4 of the Report), in particular Figures 2 and 3. This reference was also noted as showing the features of claim 3, citing Figures 2 and 3b; and claim 4, also citing Figures 2 and 3b.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

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